

# AFA Lance P. Sijan Chapter Meeting

## Minutes – April 8, 2014

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### **Welcome**

President Dave Shiller opened the meeting at 7:30. The meeting was held at Lockheed Martin Corporate Business Development facility located at 985 Space Center Dr., Suite 225. A list of attendees is included at the bottom of these minutes.

### **President's Comments (Dave Shiller)**

#### Publicity

The Chapter has made great progress on submitting Wingman articles and monthly news to National, with thanks to all who have helped collect pictures and write articles. Thanks to Bill Houth for many recent updates to the website. We need to create a Historian position to collect a picture library as a reference for past activities and a record for writing and submitting awards to State and National. For the interim, Dave Shiller will collect pictures.

#### Awards

Chapter awards are due on April 15<sup>th</sup>; submissions to National are due at the end of the month. Dave will confirm with Steve Gourley when Teacher of the Year nominations are due to the State level. Chuck Zimkas will investigate criteria and dates for submission of the GO-Life Membership Award.

#### State Awards Banquet and Quarterly Meeting

The Banquet will be on July 18<sup>th</sup> and the Quarterly Meeting will be on July 19<sup>th</sup>, both events hosted by the Lance P. Sijan Chapter. Thanks to Barbara Binn for her efforts to lock in the USAFA Doolittle Hall as a banquet location. The meeting will be at the Space Foundation. The Chapter still needs a primary POC and assistance with the program, sponsorship and emcee. Dave will work finding a guest speaker, possibly an astronaut.

#### Sky Sox Tickets for Airmen

The Chapter purchased 300 tickets this year for distribution to Airmen. The Chapter needs to select a night to be recognized as a featured charity and there will be an announcement in the program. We are also entitled to throw out the first pitch of the game on that date, yet to be selected.

#### Veterans Day Parade

The Chapter will help sponsor this year's parade. Our treasurer provided a check for \$1000.

### Air Force Memorial

After last year's tremendous effort to clean up the Colorado Springs Memorial site, the area could still use a touch up on the black paint just before Memorial Day. Stand by for announcement asking for volunteers.

### Cyber Patriot

One of the local teams made it to National competition. The Chapter will arrange to present certificates to the teams from Falcon, Vista Ridge, and Peterson, the top teams from Colorado.

### Miscellaneous

Chuck suggested that the Chapter should get behind and encourage voter support this year, including helping to support the voter representatives on base. He will take this on as a project. The USAFA Outstanding Squadron Award will be presented at the Graduation Parade this year at the request of USAFA. Joan Sell is working the Pikes Peak Regional Airshow featuring vintage aircraft and scheduled for August 9-10.

### **Secretary's Report (Tom Ocvirk unable to attend)**

The March minutes were published and posted to the Chapter website.

### **Treasurer's Report (Barbara Binn)**

Income and expenses for the previous month were reviewed and discussed. Expenses included \$1000 AF Wounded Warrior Family Adventure (money set aside from AF Ball in lieu of centerpieces), \$500 to the South East Armed Forces YMCA, \$1000 for the Veterans Day Parade, a deposit to Doolittle Hall for \$250, \$495 for award memberships, and \$119 for the website. Income was \$270 from Community Partners, \$1704 for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter subsidy, and \$841 from Image Golf. Loss to date on the AF Ball was \$4900. Ticket prices will be discussed again before next year's Ball. \$10,000 is reserved for scholarships and the reception.

### **Vice President Reports**

#### VP, Aerospace Education & Scholarships (Lt Col Kimberly Fox unable to attend)

Linda Aldrich reported for Kim. Nominations have been received for Teacher of the Year (TOY) in both categories, K-8 and 9-12. Linda will fill out the forms and submit to the State level. The deadline for scholarship is April 21 and a reception has been scheduled at the Space Foundation for scholarship winners and TOY on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6PM. Mary Irwin, spouse of astronaut Jim Irwin will attend to present the Jim Irwin Scholarship.

#### VP, Community Partners (Jeri Andrews)

No update, however, Dave recognized the great work Jeri has done to bring our Community Partner numbers back up.

#### VP, Communications (Bill Houth)

The quarterly newsletter has been completed and will be published as soon as reviewed by Dave. Kudos to Bill for the tremendous amount of work lately to update the website.

VP, Veteran's Affairs (Kevin Estrem)

No update.

## **Chapter Events and Activities**

Events attended or participated in by Chapter Officials in March and April included:

- 11 Mar – Team Pete Annual Awards Breakfast
- 30 Mar – Submitted 17 new members to National AFA
- 1 Apr – Photos and stories submitted to National AFA

## Upcoming Events

- 15 Apr – Chapter Awards due to State
- 21 Apr – Scholarship application deadline
- 30 Apr – Chapter reports due to State
- 3 May – Colorado State AFA Mtg at Estes Park
- 6 May – Harrison HS JROTC Awards Ceremony
- 6 May – Scholarship and TOY Reception at the Space Foundation
- 13 May - Armed Forces Luncheon
- 26 May – USAFA Outstanding Sqdn presentation at Parade
- 26 May - State presents award to outstanding engineer graduate
- 31 May – AFA Western Region Webinar (crosstalks for Chapters)
- 18 Jul – Colorado AFA State Banquet
- 19 Jul – Colorado AFA State Meeting

## **Other Business**

The Chapter was established in 1952 and became The Lance P. Sijan Chapter in 1969 or 70. Might want to consider planning for a 70 year celebration in the future.

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, May 13, 2014, 7:30 AM at Lockheed Martin Corporate Business Development facility, 985 Space Center Dr., Suite 225.

## **Attendees:**

Dave Shiller, Linda Aldrich, William (Bill) Houth, Hank Scarangella, Gayle White, Sharon White, Barbara Binn (call in), Chuck Zimkas (call in)